

Attorney's Docket 5699 - 15**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

January 12, 2004

To: The Commissioner of Patents  
United States Department of Commerce  
Patent & Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C., 20231 U.S.A.

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAR 23 2004

Title: Vehicle Carrying Railroad Car And Bridge Plate Therefor  
Inventors: Ilario Coslovi and James W. Forbes  
Assignee: National Steel Car  
Filed: August 29, 2000  
Serial No: 09 / 650,388  
Art Unit: 3617  
Examiner: Frantz F. Jules

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

1) This letter is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action of December 24, 2003, and is timely filed before the due date of March 24, 2004.

2) Amendments to the Description

None at this time.

3) Amendments to the Claims

None at this time.

4) Amendments to the Drawings

None at this time.

5) Remarks

The applicant's remarks begin at page 2 of this response.


PTO/SB/21 (02-04)


Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/650,388	<b>RECEIVED</b> <b>CENTRAL FAX CENTER</b> <b>MAR 23 2004</b>
	Filing Date	August 29, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Ilario A. Coslovi	
	Art Unit	3617	
	Examiner Name	Jules, F.F.	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	15	Attorney Docket Number	115699-15

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks Faxed to 703-872-9306		
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT		
Firm or Individual name	Stephen L. Grant; Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP	
Signature		
Date	23 MARCH 2004	

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below. Washington, DC 20231 on this date:			
Typed or printed name	Stephen L. Grant		
Signature		Date	03/23/2004

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.6. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.